

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-14, 16-18, and 22-25 have been canceled. Claims 2 and 15 have been amended.

Claim 15 has been rewritten as a proper independent claim including the recitations of original claim 1. Claim 2 has been amended to depend on claim 15. These amendments are supported throughout the specification and in particular by the claims as filed.

Examination and consideration of the application as amended is requested.

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Version With Markings to Show Changes Made

2. The mold of claim 15 [method of claim 1] wherein the step of welding the ends together comprises welding the ends together from the lumen with less than 100% penetration of a resulting weld.

15. A mold produced by [the] a tooling made by [the] a method [of claim 1,]
comprising:

providing a substantially planar tooling having a first end and a second end opposing one another, a patterned side, and a back side opposite the patterned side;

placing the opposing ends together to form a substantially cylindrical shape forming a lumen therein, wherein the back side faces the lumen; and

welding the ends together from the lumen such that at least the opposing ends of the back side are joined;

wherein the mold comprises a joining line having a width of about 0.0025 mm to about 0.2 mm on the patterned side.

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